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"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

--Anne Frank

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Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students,

Celebration and Service-Learning!

One of several important steps towards successfully implement community service into academic learning is finding the time to celebrate, after our students' completion of service, the important work they do as members of our classes and organizations. Celebration is a way that recognizes and makes real the positive effects their work can have on the community. Thus, in addition to providing popcorn and Pepsi, why not also present your students with a classy certificate that highlights their work throughout the semester. Simply check in with the friendly folks at the Student Life Office (X161) to learn more, and help celebrate the important contributions our students to our community.

Register for the Garden Hills Homework Club

This semester, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at a new afterschool program at Garden Hills Elementary, the "Homework Club." The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4, currently meets two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), from 3:00-4:15, while our Parkland students have volunteered one day a week since the start of the fall semester, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models. As a result of our successes this semester, our primary goal in the spring semester is to expand the "Homework Club," with more Parkland students and faculty, working with more Garden Hills students. For information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College "Homework Club" next semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.

Advanced Photography Students Capture Service in Action

This semester, Peggy Shaw's Advanced Digital Photography class (ART 228), has been doing professional photo shoots for local non-profit organizations. This is the first semester that this particular class has been offered, and it has been a huge success so far. There are currently 18 students enrolled in the course, and the organizations that they visited included 9 different non-profits in the Champaign area. The non-profits clients included were the Master's

please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting Marsha Reardon

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Gardeners Program, Lifetime Fitness Program, and Illinois Radio Reader Program at University of Illinois, the Digital Media Program at Parkland, Washington Early Childhood School, Yankee Ridge School, the Church of Saint Mary's Calendar, Champaign Park District, Trail Stewardship Program, Champaign Public Library, and the Garden Hills Homework Club.



The Lifetime Fitness Program at U of I, by Victor Feldman

When they were critiqued on their work, some students shared how they felt about the service learning project. "The one important skill I learned was how to step out of my comfort zone and approach clients who are not familiar with my work and sell my photo skills", said Cloteria Easterling, who photographed the Illinois Radio Reader Program. Cindy Smith photographed the Garden Hills Homework Club and also had good things to say about the course. "I like the idea of creating images that show the kids how special they are". Smith also said she liked "being able to help out a non-profit that might not have access to a photographer otherwise."

Good job to all the students in this program for giving us a unique look into the non-profit world. And a special thanks to Peggy Shaw for including her students' work and for giving them the opportunity to take the course. To see other photos that the students took, please [click here](#) for the Parkland Service Learning website.